

# **FCC Quarterly Report**

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Immediately following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, KCAL9 TV began continuous news coverage which lasted approximately 80 hours. As a result, many news stories were reported live and scripts were not written during this time.

# **POLITICS**

#### HAHN/RIORDAN

# July 1, 9pm (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Tricia Kean reported that newly appointed LA Mayor Jim Hahn is already busy conducting important city business.

#### **DRAG QUEEN BILL**

# July 2, 10pm (TRT:32)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that conservatives are blasting state legislation that would protect transsexuals and cross dressers from discrimination. The bill has already passed the state assembly.

#### **IRAQI DEFECTION**

# July 2, 9pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that Iraq's deputy ambassador to the UN and another senior diplomat want asylum in the US. Both were scheduled to return home this month, but officials say the two men and their families want to stay.

#### HAHN/RIORDAN

# July 3, 9pm (TRT 2:42)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reports on the new LA City Council president and president pro tem.

#### **COMPTON COUNCIL**

#### July 3, 9pm (TRT:28)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on the show of support the people of Compton showed for their new Mayor. Father Stan Bosch said they were there to celebrate the people's capacity to participate in the political process and claim Compton as their own.

# **NEA/GAY PROTEST**

#### July 4, 9pm (TRT :36)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on a protest held in downtown LA, over a move to teach tolerance for homosexuality in the public schools. Supporters say the purpose isn't to promote a gay lifestyle, but to wipe out prejudice.

#### HAHN COMMISSION

# July 10, 10pm (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Bryan reported live from the Parker Center on how Jim Hahn plans to leave his mark on the LAPD as he appoints a new police commission.

### **OLYMPIC DECISION**

### July 13, 2pm (TRT 2:27)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reports that there are big celebrations in China as they win the bid to host the 2008 Olympics, despite criticism of the country's human rights record. This is the first time they have been chosen to host the games.

#### MEXICO TRUCKS

# July 18, 9pm (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reports that there has been talk about the White House legalizing millions of Mexican workers living illegally in the US. But legalizing Mexican trucks on US highways may be a more difficult issue.

#### **FAITH-BASED VOTE**

### July 19, 9pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that President Bush today celebrated a victory as the House passed his "faith-based initiative". This is a measure to allow religious groups to receive government money to provide social services to communities. The bill will face a tougher battle against its many critics in the Senate in the fall.

### CONGRESS SPENDING

# July 20, 12pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that members of the House approved a spending bill totaling about \$6.5 billion. For a complete list of Bush's spending plan log onto www.kcal.com.

#### **BUSH/POPE STEMCELL**

#### July 22, 9pm (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that President Bush has encountered critics throughout his European tour, including the G8 Summit. Now there is criticism from the Vatican as he ponders a decision on stem cell research.

# **COUNCIL CHANGE**

# July 22, 2pm (TRT :36)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that Alex Padilla, the new president of the LA City Council, unveiled his plan to make changes in the council's committees to better meet the changing needs of the city.

#### **NEW IMMIGRANT PLAN**

#### July 22, 3pm (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reported Jaime Garza reported on Bush's efforts to have a better relationship with the Mexican government. He is looking at ways to make it easier for millions of Mexican immigrants to work and possibly live in the US – legally.

### **LIVING WAGE**

# July 25, 8pm (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell said the City Council passed a "living wage" ordinance, so minimum wage will be more than \$10 an hour. Some business owners say the pay raise could force them out of business.

#### **BUDGET SIGNING**

### July 27, 10pm (TRT:18)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Governor Davis signed a \$103 billion state budget, after vetoing \$600 million of it. Davis says the budget is a little late but calls it "a good document".

### **RIORDAN** FOR GOV

# July 27, 10pm (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that former LA mayor Riordan is taking steps to run for governor. He has okayed a campaign committee that can begin raising money for next year's gubernatorial race.

#### **VALLEY BUSWAY**

# July 27, 10pm (TRT 1:14)

KCAL9 reporter Doug Fernandez reported live from North Hollywood on the plan to put buses in rights of way that are normally reserved for trains. The proposal has outraged some Valley residents and has but Mayor Hahn in the "fast lane" of Valley politics.

#### **DAVIS FUTURE**

# July 27, 2pm (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Bryan reported that while Gray Davis may have been called "political roadkill", while coming into next year's election for Governor, Davis may fool the experts once again.

#### MIDEAST ATTACK

# July 31, 8pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that at least eight Palestinians, including two children were killed when Israeli helicopters struck a building in the West Bank. Palestinian leaders renewed their demands for international intervention; President Bush criticized the attack, urging both sides to "end the violence".

#### **CONGRESS/CLONING**

#### July 31, 9pm (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that after hours of emotional debate, the House had approved a ban on all forms of human cloning. The President also says he supports such a ban.

#### **ELECTION REFORM**

# July 31, 9pm (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported live on the recommendations of a commission on election reform, to determine if Election Day should be declared a federal holiday.

# PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

# August 3, 2pm (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that the House passed the Patients' Bill of Rights last night. It offers new protections for millions of Americans in HMOs.

#### **BUSH IN WACO**

# August 8, 2pm (TRT :36)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that President Bush took part this morning in a Habitat for Humanity project in Waco, TX. The President talked about the importance of volunteering and being a good neighbor, and worked alongside his wife, First Lady Laura Bush.

#### **BUSH DECISION**

# August 9, 3pm (TRT:42)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that tonight President Bush will announce his decision regarding stem cell research.

#### **PLAYGROUND SMOKE**

# August 9, 3pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that Governor Gray Davis signed a bill into law making it illegal to smoke on public playgrounds, in an attempt to keep kids from being exposed to second-hand smoke. ("Sound Off" topic with Larry Elder)

#### **BUSH FARM BILL**

#### August 10, 9pm (TRT:31)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported President Bush has signed a \$5.5 billion agriculture spending bill. The President says farmers represent "the best of America."

#### **DAVIS ENDORSEMENT**

#### August 10, 9pm (TRT :26)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Gray Davis is already campaigning for a second term, 15 months before election day. Today, several LA-area law enforcement organizations gathered at the LA Police Academy to endorse him.

#### JAIL LAWSUIT

# August 13, 10pm (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported live from the Sheriff's headquarters in Monterey Park on the settlement of a class-action lawsuit brought by jail inmates who say they were mistreated. At \$27 million, it could turn out to be the largest settlement in LA County history.

#### **GUN VIOLENCE**

# August 13, 9pm (TRT 2:49)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported from a hearing in Boyle Heights on a bill that is now in the state assembly. It will try to legislate whether gun makers can be held liable for damage done by their products.

# **COMPTON VOTING**

### August 13, 9pm (TRT:31)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that former Compton mayor Omar Bradley is taking his allegations of election fraud to court. He filed suit over the June election, when he lost to Eric Perrodin by 281 votes.

#### **MIDEAST**

# August 15, 10pm (TRT 2:24)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported on a "ray of hope" tonight in the Middle East: Israel has suddenly stopped its drive into Palestinian territory, and now both sides are talking.

### HAHN/OC COPS

# August 15, 10pm (TRT 2:24)

KCAL9 reporter Michele Gile reports that Mayor Hahn has promised to implement a shortened work week for the LAPD. He went on a fact-finding mission in Orange County to see what needed to be done.

#### **EDISON DEADLINE**

# August 15, 8pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that while today was the deadline for state legislature to come up with a recovery plan for Southern Cal. Edison, the deadline passed with no legislative action.

#### MACEDONIA TROOPS

# August 15, 12pm (TRT:21)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that NATO forces will be moving into Macedonia earlier than expected – ethnic Albanian rebels are still ready to fight, despite a peace deal with Macedonia's Slav government.

### **ISRAEL SEARCH**

### August 17, 9pm (TRT:19)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Palestinians say Israeli tanks rolled into a Palestinian area of the Gaza strip and exchanged gunfire. Israeli forces are also searching for extremists allegedly planning two suicide bomb attacks.

### USSR COUP ANNIVERSARY

# August 19, 9pm (TRT:24)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that tonight marks the tenth anniversary of the failed coup that signaled the "beginning of the end" of the USSR. Police and journalists outnumbered demonstrators for the commemoration in Moscow.

#### **CONDIT LETTERS**

### August 23, 2pm (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 reporter Eric Horng was live in Modesto reporting that Gary Condit has sent out thousands of letters to his constituents with "his side of the story". Tonight he will give his first TV interview and tomorrow he's the cover story of People Magazine.

#### TERRORISM TASKFORCE

# August 23, 2pm (TRT:51)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that there was a terrorism task force demonstration this morning in Manhattan Beach, where the focus was "preparation". The goal of the task force is to insure local law enforcement officials are ready to deal with any threat from weapons of mass destruction.

#### **CONDIT KOVR**

# August 24, 10pm (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reported Sandy Grace was live in the newsroom with the latest on Gary Condit's conversations on national TV.

#### WW2 MEMORIAL

# August 27, 9pm (TRT:24)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that work is beginning on a WW2 memorial on the National Mall in D.C. Some opponents say it will ruin the view between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. They want the WW2 memorial moved to a spot just down the street.

#### **ALATORRE SENTENCING**

### August 27, 2pm (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 political reported Dave Bryan reported on the sentencing of former councilman Richard Alatorre. He'll spend eight months on home detention.

#### **BROWN FOR SENATOR**

# August 28, 9pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that SF Mayor Willie Brown is considering a run for state Senate. He wants to replace his friend and fellow San Franciscan, John Burton, as Senate president. Burton will be termed out in 2004.

#### **GAY PENSION DEBATE**

# August 28 3pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a pension battle is brewing in Florida that may trigger a nationwide debate on the issue of gay pension benefits. A Tampa pension board has denied benefits to the same-sex partner of a police officer killed last year. She is now taking her battle to the Florida State legislature.

#### **IRAQ STRIKE**

# August 30, 2pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported on another attack by US fighter jets on Iraqi military targets. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> bombing in Southern Iraq in the last week. According to the Pentagon, Iraq has provoked Allied planes 309 this year.

#### CAL GRANTS

### August 30, 9pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that lawmakers had extended the deadline for Cal-Grant scholarships, so students have more time to apply for help. Earlier this year, thousands of grants went unused.

#### LABOR MASS

# September 3, 10pm (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Leanne Suter reported that there was a call to action today for more recognition and better benefits for immigrant workers here in California.

#### RACISM CONFERENCE

# September 3, 10pm (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported both the US and Israeli delegations pulled out of the UN Conference of Racism today in South Africa.

#### PARKS VS. UNION

# September 3, 10pm (TRT 2:47)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Bryan reported on the tension between police Chief Bernard Parks and the Police Protective League. Some say the PPL is trying to prevent Chief Parks from serving a second term.

#### **PRISONER VISITATION**

# September 4, 8pm (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the state legislature signed a bill today allowing children of women serving life sentences in prison to stay overnight with their mothers.

#### **STAPLES COMPLEX**

# September 4, 8pm (TRT:31)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey said the LA City Council has approved a \$1 billion expansion near Staples Center. Officials say no public money will be used in the process. The project calls for 2 hotels, an arena, and apartment towers.

#### **DURBAN PROTEST**

# September 4, 10pm (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that demonstrators are criticizing the US and Israel for walking out on the UN racism conference in South Africa. The countries left after a document was drafted that sharply condemned Israel for its treatment of the Palestinians.

#### **AFGHANI HEARING**

# September 4, 12pm (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a trial is underway in Afghanistan for eight workers accused of trying to convert Muslims to Christianity. The punishment for foreigner missionaries is jail and expulsion; the punishment for Afghans is death.

#### DAVIS HATE CRIME

#### September 5, 9pm (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Gov. Gray Davis signed legislation protecting religious institutions that become victims of hate crimes. The measure will keep insurance companies from dropping the policies of religious institutions just because the have been victims of hate crimes.

#### **BUSH/FOX**

# September 5, 12pm (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Mexican President Vincente Fox arrived at the White House this morning for his first official state visit with Pres. Bush. He brought a surprise proposal regarding immigration and border issues that seemed to catch everyone off guard.

# **SLAVERY REPARATIONS**

# September 7, 12pm (TRT:47)

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that as the UN conference on racism winds down there are two major unresolved issues: Arabs want to condemn Israel as a racist state, and African states want the west to issue a formal apology and reparations for slavery.

#### **OPERATORS**

# **September 7, 12pm (TRT 2:15)**

KCAL9 anchor Alan Mendelson reported that the state legislature is considering a "do not call law" which would require phone solicitors to buy a list in order to do phone business in the state.

#### **NURSING HOMES**

# September 7, 2pm (TRT:22)

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry said that the New York Times reported the Bush Administration plans to cut back on federal nursing home inspections. But now the Administration is denying that report.

# 4TH DISTRICT

# September 10, 12pm (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reports on tomorrow's election for the City Council's 4<sup>th</sup> district, to fill the seat left vacant by the sudden death of John Ferraro.

### **DASCHLE/HASTER**

# September 11, 9pm (TRT 5:50)

KCAL9 anchors Kerry Kilbride and Pat Harvey reported on the show of solidarity from the leaders of the House and Senate in the wake of today's attack on the World Trade Center. Congressmen, —women and Senators alike held hands and sang "God Bless America".

#### NYC

# **September 11, 3pm (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that 2 US officials have confirmed the US suspects Osama bin Laden in today's terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. She recapped the events of the day, beginning just after 6am PST when the first plane crashed into Building 1 of the WTC complex. Officials say about 50,000 may have been inside the buildings at the time of the attack.

#### POLITICS/BUSH

# September 11, 3pm (TRT 3:04)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Bryan reported that President Bush announced that the US military has been placed on high alert status, and vowed that those who attacked freedom this morning would be hunted down and punished. For most of the day the President's whereabouts were shrouded in secrecy.

#### MIA AFGHANISTAN

# September 11, 3pm (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Osama bin Laden is believed to be sheltered in Kabul, Afghanistan. Explosions could be seen and heard north of the capital near the airport a few hours ago. Secy. of State Donald Rumsfeld said the US is NOT responsible for the apparent bombings in Afghanistan.

#### CITY HALL VIGIL

# September 16, 9pm (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Fernandez was live in downtown LA where a candlelight vigil was being held at City Hall. Mayor Jim Hahn, Gov. Gray Davis and Cardinal Roger Mahony are leading the vigil.

#### **BUSH TODAY**

#### September 18, 12pm (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Bryan reported that on the Bush Administration's plans in the wake of the attack. Bush observed a moment of silence for the victims, while the Administration develops a plan of attack for the war against terrorism. Also, negotiations are underway to save the staggering airline industry.

#### **HOMELAND DEFENSE**

# September 21, 12pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reports that PA Governor Tom Ridge has been appointed to the newly created "Homeland Security" cabinet-level position. Ridge will coordinate information for more than 40 federal agencies and shape new plans to defend the country against terrorism. Some say the post can be compared to a domestic version of National Security Advisor.

#### **POWELL**

# **September 21**, 12pm (TRT :33)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Colin Powell met today with the foreign ministers of the Organization of American States and accepted a declaration of solidarity from the group.

#### **BUSH/ASHCROFT**

#### September 24, 4pm (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Bryan reported that the US launched its first attack against the terrorists by going after their bank accounts, hoping to cut off their resources. It's the first part of a campaign to include military, economic, diplomatic and covert operations.

#### FRACTURED MILITARY

# September 24, 3pm (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that with the prospect of the US military taking out the Taliban regime, many are concerned over what will happen to the country.

### **GIULIANI STAYS**

# September 24, 12pm (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani urged New Yorkers to get back to their daily lives. One issue that's been overshadowed is the Mayor's race. Tomorrow is primary day – Giuliani is not on the ballot but many believe he should be.

#### **EU DELEGATION**

# September 25, 12pm (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a European delegation is touring Muslim countries in an effort to garner support in the war against terrorism. The high-ranking EU officials arrived in Pakistan today; they will also visit Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt and Iran.

#### FEINSTEIN VISAS

#### September 27, 2pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that Senator Diane Feinstein has proposed that all student visas should be suspended for six months so security measures can be put into place. The president of the American Council on Education opposed halting the visa program. Authorities believe the terrorist who crashed a plane into the Pentagon had a student visa to study at Holy Names College in Oakland, but never enrolled.

#### DAVIS UNEMPLOYMENT

# September 30, 9pm (TRT:28)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that unemployment figures continue to climb in California and Gov. Davis is expected to sign a bill tomorrow that will nearly double the jobless benefit payments over the next four years.

# MURDER INVESTIGATION/TOSS DOUG

# July 1, 9pm (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Doug Fernandez reported that what was a search for a missing girl has now become a murder investigation. 24-year-old Christina Salazar was last seen almost a week ago. Police now way they've found her body and a suspect is in custody.

#### **DEAD BABY ARREST**

# July 4, 10pm (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that a 22-year-old mother is in custody the day after the body of her newborn baby was found buried behind a Compton home. She now faces murder charges.

#### RAPE REWARD

# July 6, 2pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a reward is being offered for information about a brutal crime. A group of teens was attacked in a remote area in Orange County. Two teenaged girls and two boys were on a date in Black Star Canyon early Tuesday morning. They were confronted by 5 suspects who beat up the young men and gang raped the girls. An anonymous donor is offering 25,000 dollars for information about the crime.

#### **INMATE ESCAPE**

# July 9, 10pm (TRT 1:18)

KCAL9 reporter Doug Fernandez reported a fugitive is on the run. A dangerous escapee from Men's Central Jail who shot a man six times. Fernandez tells the latest from downtown Los Angeles.

#### PARK CRIME

### July 13, 2pm (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that people living in the Chesterfield Square area have seen a string of deadly shootings recently. Three murders in two days have the city leaders taking action. Reporter Josh Rubenstein followed the story on the plan to curb crime.

#### RIALTO SWEEP

#### July 13, 10pm (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported a Southland crime seep ended today with several suspects in custody. Officers swept through a neighborhood in Rialto after hundreds of complaints about drugs and gang activity.

# DOMESTIC MURDER

# July 19, 9pm (TRT:21)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a manhunt is underway for 52-year-old Frank Medrano. Police say he ambushed his ex-wife and her boyfriend in the garage of her Lake Forest home and opened fire. Samuel Ramirez was shot and killed and the ex-wife was not hurt. Police say he was consumed by jealousy, a restraining order couldn't keep him away and they think he is still in the area.

#### **MURDER REWARD**

# July 19, 10pm (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported a young woman was gunned down on a rural road in Riverside county. Her family and investigators are offering a reward and re-focusing attention on the case. They don't want the killer to get away with the murder.

#### **DOG THEFTS**

# July 19, 10pm((TRT:36)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that pet thefts are on the rise in the Southland. LA County animal care and cont4rol officials want owners to be on the lookout. More animals are being stolen than ever before. The breeds to steal are the toy breeds, especially the Yorkshire Terrier.

#### LIQUOR SURVEILLANCE

# August 20, 12pm (TRT 1:21)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported that police in Inglewood need your help to catch two suspected gunmen. They released surveillance video of the suspects taken before a deadly shooting earlier this month. Investigators are hoping someone will recognize them men and call police.

#### JEWELRY REWARD

# July 20, 10pm (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that the search is on for two bandits who pulled off a smash and grab at an exclusive Rodeo Drive jewelry store. The robbers got away with thousands of dollars worth of jewels but not before having their pictures taken by the store's security camera.

#### GIRL SHOT

# July 22, 3pm (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that a 13-year-old girl was one of two people shot when gunfire broke out in a Chesterfield Square liquor store.

#### **METH LAB**

# July 25, 8pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported three people were arrested and a motel evacuated after a narcotics squad found a meth lab inside. It happened last night

in the city of Home Gardens in Riverside County. The bust made at the Tiffany Inn. Motel guests were evacuated for a time as a precaution.

#### **DUMPSTER BABY**

# July 25, 8pm (TRT 1:05)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported a baby girl was found dean inside a Wilmington dumpster last week and now authorities need help to find the parents. David Goldstein shows us an important clue the police are working with.

# HOMICIDE PRESSER

# July 25, 8pm (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 reporter Doug Fernandez reported that police are searching for killers on the loose for the murder of Kathryn Dawson of Compton. Her kids wanted her to move to a safer area, but she wouldn't listen to them. Police say they are a step closer to finding the killers.

# **ELDERLY BICYCLIST**

# July 27, 10pm (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported an elderly man was killed while riding a bicycle in Moreno Valley. The search is on for the driver who hit him. Antonio Morando was riding the bike home after dropping off his car to get repaired. He is believed to have been hit by a dark green or black Nissan or Dodge pickup truck.

# **PULLAM ARRESTED**

# July 22, 9pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported breaking news. The man who walked out of a LA County jail 17 days ago is finally in custody. Kevin Jerome Pullum was arrested by Sheriff's deputies. He escaped from the Twin Towers jail July 6<sup>th</sup> managing to stay one step ahead of authorities until now. He was hiding out at a girlfriend's house.

# **CHILD MOLEST**

# July 27, 12pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported Kenneth Teague was sentenced to at least 60 years behind bars after admitting he molested three boys. He claimed the sexual encounters were acts of love and not abuse. Authorities believe there might be more victims from the last 80's to 1998. Teague was a Boy Scout leader and foster parent before being caught.

# **OXYCONTIN THEFTS**

# July 27, 10pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported there is a new epidemic sweeping the country. Pharmacy holdups are taking place because of a powerful painkiller called oxycontin.

### **FORREST POT**

# July 31, 2pm (TRT:29)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that two pot gardens that produce more than 16 million dollars worth of the illegal plant were discovered just north of Los Angeles.

### **UTILITY BURGLARS**

# July 31, 10pm (TRT 2:24)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that thieves posing as utility workers are preying on the elderly. Police say they've stolen thousands of dollars in cash and jewelry from their unsuspecting victims.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT

# July 31, 10pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that police say a man believed responsible for three sexual assaults in Monterey Park is still on the loose. All three victims are Asian between 18 and 30 years of age. They were attacked during residential burglaries in June and July. Women are being warned to be aware of their surroundings.

#### RAPE SUSPECT

# August 3, 2pm (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from Simi Valley that Megan Barroso has been missing for almost a month. Her bullet riddled car was found July 5<sup>th</sup>. The Ventura County Sheriff's deputies scour the hills and suspected serial rapist's home for clues on her whereabouts.

#### **TORRANCE PURSUIT**

# August 3, 2pm (TRT:39-0)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that three men are in custody after leading police on a car chase that ended in a freeway wipe out. They are suspected of robbing a liquor store. The chase started in Redondo Beach, covered surface streets and freeways, and ended on the 405 in Carson after hitting a Torrance police car.

#### SIMI CAR DEATH

#### August 5, 9pm (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 reporter Tricia Kean reported two Simi Valley brothers are dead after being left in the mother's minivan in sweltering heat. The two boys were allegedly left strapped in their car seats for several hours and their mother is now under arrest.

#### CHILD PORT

August 8, 10pm (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the government broke up one of the biggest child pornography businesses in the history of the US. It was operating on the Internet. Dozens of subscribers to a child porn website were arrested.

#### **ECSTACY BUST**

# August 8, 10pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that DEA and Customs agents busted a Los Angeles woman who allegedly tried to bring more than 60,000 ecstasy pills into the country. Lisa Minutoli was arrested after arriving from Germany. An x-ray machine spotted the Suspicious packages in the woman's luggage. The street value is estimated between 1.2 and 1.9 million dollars.

# **JERUSALEM BOMB**

# August 9, 3:30pm (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a suicide bomber in Jerusalem walked into a crowded pizzeria and detonated a bob. Fifteen people were injured including the bomber and nearly 90 more were injured.

# PARKING LOT MURDER

# August 9, 3:30pm (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a Whittier family is hoping the public can help find their loved one's killer. Police released surveillance video of the two men believed to have shot and killed 33-year-old Gustavo Estrada on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

# CHILD SHOOTING SPREE

# August 9, 8pm (TRT 2:13)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that a man and his two-year-old daughter became victims of gunfire and were killed in the Willowbrook Compton area. Family members are still trying to understand why.

#### SAN FERNANDO ATTACK

# August 9, 8pm (TRT :16)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported the mayor of San Fernando is speaking out and warning women to be on the look out for a suspected carjacker. The district director for Assemblymember Tony Cardenas was attacked as she was leaving her office around 10pm.

#### HATE CRIME

# August 10, 10pm (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that State Attorney General Bill Lockyer said the Southland isn't doing enough to prosecute hate crimes. He says LA prosecutors filed only 9 hate crimes out of 65 potential cases.

#### MICROSOFT ARREST

# August 10, 12pm (TRT:36)

KCAL9 reporter Andre Moreau reported that more than 10 million dollars of counterfeit computer software is now in the hands of federal agents. Four San Gabriel men are behind bars for being in the possession of high quality replications of Microsoft's windows millennium edition.

#### **CORONA RAPE**

# August 13, 10pm (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported that police in Corona are asking for your help to catch a suspected sexual predator. They believe the suspect has attacked at least two women in the area and have released a sketch of the suspect.

#### PHARMACIST ARREST

# August 15, 10pm (TRT:33)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported a Missouri pharmacist is accused of diluting chemotherapy drugs making more money for himself and putting patients lives in danger.

#### SEXUAL ASSAULT

# August 17, 10pm (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that detectives would like help identifying a sex offender who has kidnapped and assaulted at least five women in the East LA area since June. Investigators say he attacks women when they are alone in the late evening or early morning hours.

#### **DEPUTY SHOT**

# August 17, 10pm (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported a manhunt is on for a suspect accused of shooting a Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy in the face in a Coachella neighborhood.

### **BODY FOUND**

# August 19, 9pm (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Tricia Kean reported that a 20-year-old woman was found stabbed to death on a lonely stretch of highway in the San Gabriel Valley. College student Christina Burmeister was found in her new truck on the side of Highway 39 just north of Azusa. Police need your help to catch a killer.

# **HATE CRIMES**

# August 23, 3:30pm (TRT:50)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that hate crimes in LA County were on the rise. The number of hate crimes was the second highest in the past 20 years in 2000. A report was issued today by the County Human Relations Commission. Latinos

were the victims of 23 percent of the time, whites 16 percent and half of all hate crimes were committed against African Americans.

# PEDOPHILE CASTRATED

# August 24, 8pm (TRT:34)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Brian Devries had castration surgery to stop his sexual impulses. Devries is serving a tern for molesting 9 boys in four states. His next opportunity for release from custody is in October.

### LAPD COPS PLEA

# August 28, 3:30pm (TRT:41)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that LAPD officer Ronald Orosco plead no contest for shooting an unarmed driver. The 31-year-old was accused of shooting a motorist last June. He faces up to 7 years in prison.

# **SAN CLEMENTE FIRE**

# August 30, 2pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Orange county fire officials want to talk to four teens about a fire in San Clemente earlier in the month. Authorities believer they started the fire that raced up narrow canyon and destroyed four condominiums and seriously damaged another home.

### KIDNAPPING PURSUIT

# September 3, 10pm (TRT 1:14)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported a man wanted for kidnapping, robbery and assault and grand theft led police on a reckless chase today on the Westside.

#### COUNTERFEIT/FBI

# September 4, 8pm (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the FBI shut down a celebrity scam. Counterfeit celebrity memorabilia was confiscated and suspects arrested when the bogus business was closed down.

### **MOTHER MURDER**

# September 5, 10pm (TRT:45)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the search for the killer of a Long Beach mother intensified. 39 year old Graciela Zavala was gunned down outside her apartment on July 8<sup>th</sup>. She was a single mother of seven children. The youngest child is 13 months old.

#### SIMI HOMICIDES

# September 5, 10pm (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that Simi Valley is supposed to be one of the safest cities in the country but one family's sense security is shattered. A gunman got into a house and opened fire shooting and killing three people including young children and wounding two others.

#### STREET ROBBERIES

### September 7, 12pm (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported that Trevor Woods is accused in dozens of street robberies that occurred between May 15<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> of this year. The LA police department has issued a warrant for his arrest and are working to track him down.

#### DC MIA

# September 11, 3pm (TRT 1:05)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that after the World Trade Center in New York was hit, the Pentagon in Washington DC was also hit. It was an American Airlines jet en route from Dulles International to LAX that was hijacked. Early estimates say as many as 100 people may have been killed.

#### PA MIA

# September 11, 3pm (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported on a third attack. A United Airlines jet also believed to be hijacked crashed in rural Pennsylvania. An emergency call to a dispatcher from a passenger seemed to say they were being hijacked. There were 38 passengers and 7 crewmembers aboard.

#### PHILLIPS/DC LATEST

# September 14, 12pm (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 reporter Eric Philips reports live from Washington on the National day of prayer to remember the victims of the terrorist attacks. He reports on the latest on the investigation, the found black boxes and what authorities are saying.

#### **FBI PRESSER**

# September 12pm (TRT:29)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that General John Ashcroft updated the investigation into the terrorist attacks. He said the list of suspects is growing and the FBI has received over 96,000 tips.

#### **MOSQUE ATACK**

# September 18, 12pm (TRT :16)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a Mosque in San Diego is the target of an alleged hate crime. Police were called to an Islamic center after some sort of explosion. Two suspects were seen running away and were later arrested and charged with hate crimes.

#### KILLER FATHER

September 21, 12pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Duane West is accused of setting his girlfriend on fire and leaving his 4-year-old son to die in a burning house. The child suffered third degree burns over 70 percent of his body. He died a day later. West faces charges of special circumstance murder, torture and attempted murder.

#### ATTACK SCAMS

# September 24, 12pm (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported that the horrible events re bringing out the best in most people. Unfortunately, you should think twice before you open your walled. Leanne tells us how to avoid scam artists taking advantage of the generosity being shown towards the terrorist attacks.

#### BELLY OF THE BEAST

# September 24, 12pm (TRT 2:32)

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Graze reported on what is being called the largest criminal investigation in history. The FBI is pooling all of its resources to locate those responsible for the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks.

### INFOCOM INVESTIGATION

# September 27, 2pm (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported the FBI is freezing the assets of a Texas Internet Provider because of the investigation stemming from the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. Infocom Corp, based in Arlington, Texas, is being investigated by the Federal Terrorism Task Force.

#### FBI DETAINEES

# September 27, 2pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported the FBI investigations into the terrorist attacks has landed in Detroit. Five men were arrested there accused of obtaining illegal commercial trucking licenses to transport hazardous materials. Cameras captured FBI agents carrying evidence linked to an Iraqi citizen.

### **FAKE INSURANCE**

# September 30, 2pm (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that hundreds of people might be driving around the Southland who don't realize they don't have car insurance. Two men were just arrested for selling fake insurance policies.

# **HEALTH & MEDICINE**

# **BBQ BLUNDERS**

# July 3, 2pm (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 Health Reporter Dilva Henry reports that as millions of people will be sitting down to barbeque dinners to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, there are some cooking blunders that can ruin a holiday and sometimes even be deadly.

### ARTIFICIAL HEART

# July 4, 10pm (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports the first person ever to get a self-contained artificial heart is breathing on his own. The titanium and plastic pump was put in the man's chest on Monday. Doctors believe the man will be able to lead a long and productive life. His name has not been released.

# **EXERCISE**

# July 10, 12pm (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reports another benefit of exercise for women. A recent study showed that women who regularly engaged in physical activities lowered their risks of ovarian cancer compared to women who did not. According to the study, any form of physical activity can help you protect your reproductive health.

# **HIGH HEEL ARTHRITIS**

# July 16, 2pm (TRT:18)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported though high heel shoes are sexy and stylish wearers could be at greater risk of arthritis. Experts say these shoes put extra stress on the knee and may open the door to arthritis. Recent studies also showed that wide heels place just as much if not more strain on the knee as narrow high heels. To keep your knees healthy, limit your time spent on any shoes that have heels two inches or higher.

#### ARTIFICIAL HEART

# July 17, 2pm (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported its been two weeks since doctors performed the world's first implantable, battery operated artificial heart surgery and the doctors at the University of Louisville are finally talking about the patients condition.

#### **CONDOM REPORT**

# July 20, 2pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that federal health officials warn that condoms may not be as effective in preventing disease as many people think. The new report shows that while condoms can reduce the spread of gonorrhea

and HIV, they may not protect against other sexually transmitted diseases. Experts say that more studies are needed to find out just how effective condoms really are.

#### OBESITY/CLA STUDY

# July 22, 2pm (TRT:37)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported a new dietary supplement is helping fight the battle of the bulge. Obesity is a national epidemic with more than a quarter of Americans considered obese. A new study shows a dietary supplement known as conjugated linoleic acid or CLA could be the key to helping overweight adults reduce fat around their mid-sections.

#### TOO MUCH SOY

### July 22, 2pm (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that even though we have all heard that soy is good for us and a bonafide cancer fighter, some Americans are eating too much. A nutritionist tells viewers how much is too much and how much children should eat.

# STEM CELL RESEARCH

### July 22, 9pm (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on stem cell research and actor Christopher Reeve's optimistic view that he will walk again with this new medical technology.

#### WOOD PLAYGROUND

# July 25, 12pm (TRT:41)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that environmental activists say 98 percent of wood used to make playground equipment is treated with a chemical containing arsenic. Children who play on treated playsets could be exposed to lifetime worth of arsenic in just two weeks. They want the wood banned. Wood preservers say there is no proof children have been harmed by normal playtime playsets. As a precaution, parents should make sure children ash their hands after playing on the equipment and limit time in direct contact with the wood.

#### **HOTEL BUGS**

#### July 25, 9pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported researchers say bed bugs are infesting hotels and motels. An Anaheim hills woman found lots of the pests in here son's bed. She thinks they brought them home from a hotel they recently stayed at. The bugs are the rise of a small ladybug and feed on human blood. Experts think they are hitching rides on luggage of foreign travelers to the United States.

### **VACCINE SHOTAGE**

# July 27, 12pm (TRT:27)

KCAL9 anchor Health reporter Dilva Henry reported the tetanus vaccine supply is low in California and all immunizations are being put on hold. The shortage was caused after a drug manufacturer recently stopped producing the vaccine.

#### **FLU SPRAY**

# July 27, 12pm (TRT:17)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported the first new inhaled flue vaccine called "flu mist" has to get past government regulators, but could be on the market in the next few months.

#### **BRAIN CANCER**

# July 27, 2pm (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that brain cancer is on the rise in this country and no one knows why. Traditional treatment includes surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. Doctors are looking to another treatment that may offer patients more hope.

# **GENERIC PROZAC**

# July 31, 12pm (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a generic version of the drug Prozac could be available by the end of the week. That will mean a big cost saving for many patients using the anti-depressant. Eli-Lilly has been fighting to maintain its patent of the popular drug but a judge ruled the patent had run out.

#### **HEART SCAN**

# July 31, 2pm (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that cardio-vascular disease claims nearly a million lives each year. Early detection is the key to stopping it and now doctors have anew high tech test that does just that.

# **BLOOD PRESSURE KIDNEYS**

# April 2, 2pm (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported if you want to keep your kidneys in top shape, keep your blood pressure under control. Researchers have found that high blood pressure if untreated can also put your kidneys at risk. You can avoid high blood pressure by reducing your salt intake, reducing stress and getting regular exercise.

# **VIAGRA/LUNG CANCER**

# August 3, 10pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that doctors are asking the makers of Viagra to develop a version for kids. They say it could treat a rare, but potentially deadly

lung disorder. Doctors believe the drug may relax and expand blood vessels in the lungs the same way it works in the penis for men suffering with impotence.

### SKIN CANCER

### August 8, 10pm (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported the American Cancer Society says melanoma accounts for about four percent of skin cancer cases but causes about 79 percent of skin cancer deaths. She reports live to tell viewers how to detect and prevent it.

# BAYER DRUGS

# August 8, 10pm (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Bayer is pulling its cholesterol drug, Baycol, from the market. About 7000 thousand people in the United States take it. The food and drug administration says side effects from Baycol are linked to 31 deaths.

#### **DIABETES STUDY**

# August 8, 2pm (1:39)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported at least 10 million Americans are at high risk for developing diabetes and about 15 million already have it and it is on the rise. The risk can be drastically reduced and UCLA researchers are leading the largest study site in the country.

# **OXYCONTIN LESS**

# August 8, 2pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the drug Oxycontin is growing a reputation for abuse and the makers have agreed to reformulate the drug. The popular drug delivers an instant high on the streets when it is crushed or dissolved and ingested.

#### **POST PARTUM**

### August 8, 9pm (2:22)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on one Southland family with a newborn that is struggling with post partum depression.

#### **CANCER INSURANCE**

### August 9, 8pm (TRT :36)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Governor Davis signed two bills that will help California's cancer patients. The bills will provide increased coverage for cancer patients involved in clinical trials and establishes medi-cal for uninsured people with breast and cervical cancer.

#### **CORD BLOOD**

August 10, 12pm (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that there is a very special kind of blood. Unbilical cord blood saves lives again and again. A baby's cord blood can now be saved to help him or her with any number of health problems later in life.

#### WINE DRINKERS

# August 12, 9pm (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that studies suggest people who drink wine may be healthier than those who don't and studies comparing wine drinkers, beer drinkers and those who don't drink show wine drinkers are generally smarter, richer and more educated than those who don't drink wine...

### **OYSTERS ILLNESS**

# August 15, 10pm (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported earlier in the month 2 Los Angeles area residents died after eating shellfish contaminated with the same bacteria. Now the health department wants to sound a warning. The latest victim was lucky. He is expected to make a full recovery.

#### **ESTROGEN THERAPY**

# August 15, 2pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported estrogen replacement therapy might help strengthen bones even in elderly women according to a recent study. The study is the first to focus on frail women over 75 years old.

#### **DRINKING WATER**

# August 15, 12pm (TRT:45)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that LA County released a report on some recent water tests and nearly 1000 tap water samples and 57 brands of bottle water. Environmental toxicologists found levels of chromium, arsenic and lead, but none exceeded current federal or state standards on maximum allowable levels. That doesn't mean the water is perfectly clear. City officials feel local government should be responsible for monitoring water in the community.

# SAFE SCANNING

# August 17, 8pm (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported full body scanning is changing the way many doctors and patients think about physical exams. It has become so popular, some centers have six to twelve month waiting lists. Dilva tells viewers what to look for and when to get it done.

#### CANCER BLOOD TEST

#### August 20, 8pm (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the medical community is excited about a new way to identify breast cancer. It is a simple blood test. She shows viewers how it works

### **COLLEGE DRINKING**

# August 30, 12pm (TRT:38)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that underage drinking is on the rise. Studies show that nearly half of all college kids binge drink, which means they have at least four or five drinks in one sitting. The American Medical Association has developed a program aimed at binge drinkers. The program calls for better enforcement of alcohol policies on and off campus.

#### **CANCER STRESS**

# September 4, 12pm (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that stress is a normal part of life, but for cancer patients, chronic stress is sometimes caused by their therapy and in turn could affect how well that therapy works. A recent study out of Texas shows that music and nature sounds may help with stress and treatment.

#### AIDS VACCINE

# September 4, 2pm (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported it's been 20 years since the first cases of AIDS appeared and researchers are still looking for a vaccine for HIV. Dilva takes a look at where we stand in the fight against this killer disease.

### STEM CELLS

# September 5, 10pm (TRT:48)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the health and human services secretary admitted to a senate committee that only 24 or 25 stem cell lines are ready for researchers. He said he expects more of the existing cell lines to be fully developed by the time federal grants are issued next year.

#### **EPHEDRA WARNING**

# September 5, 12pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported that a consumer group wants the federal government to ban the food supplement Ephedra. It says Ephedra has been linked to heart attacks, strokes and seizures in otherwise healthy young people. Ephedra is a common ingredient in weight loss products. The FDA insists its own review find Ephedra is safe for most people in proper dose.

# BEDSIDE MANNER

# September 5, 12pm (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported that when patients need medical care they bring more than just a collection of organs, bones and muscles to the doctor. They bring emotional, social and family considerations and if the doctor doesn't understand these human needs, the patient's medical care may suffer.

#### **DNA BABIES**

# September 7, 12pm (TRT:20)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that a Wisconsin company has developed a product that uses DAA blood samples from a newborn and one from the mother while still in the birthing room. The samples are then secured and if there is every a question about the baby's relationship to the mother, the DNA samples provide proof.

#### **HEART VALVE HELP**

# September 10, 12pm (TRT:31)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry that doctors home have anew tool in their battle against heart disease and it's actually a very old tool. Doctors in a Mayo clinic study found that a standard echocardiogram can be used to detect heart valve defects.

#### VITAMIN C

# September 10, (TRT:17)

KCAL9 health reporter Dilva Henry reported that vitamin C may help you to see a lot longer and better. A recent study finds that taking Vitamin C lowers your chance of getting nuclear cataracts.

#### **BLOOD DONATION**

# September 11, 8pm (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported that there has been an outpouring of help in response to the events on the Eastcoast. People lined up for hours to donate blood at local blood banks.

#### PSYCH CRISIS

# September 18, 12pm (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on how people should deal with the stirred up emotions that came following the national crisis on the Eastcoast.

# **BLOOD DONATE/ COFFEE**

# September 18, 12pm (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that after donating a pint of blood some people feel faint. Researchers say that is when those people should get a cup of coffee. They found that a cup of coffee helps reduce that feeling of faintness after losing a pint of blood.

#### **COZAAR BENEFITS**

# September 21, 12pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a condition called end-stage renal disease affects people with type 2-kidney disease and it's on the rise in the US. A brand new drug called Cozaar can slow the disease's progression.

### **NICOTINE PATCH**

# September 24, 12pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on some unexpected benefits from the nicotine patch for those who suffer from tourette's syndrome. A new study indicates the nicotine patch can boost the effectiveness of the drug Haldol that is used to treat tourette's. symptoms were significantly reduced for patients who wore a patch that delivered seven milligrams of nicotine into the blood over a 25-hour period.

# **HMO CALIFORNIA**

# September 24, (TRT:37)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that California's first report card on HMO's came out today. It shows patients in HMO's tend to be happy with their doctors, but less satisfied with the service levels.

# **HEADACHE REMEDY**

# September 27, (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that millions of people are affected by headaches and a nutritionist talks about alternative approaches to treating a nagging problem.

#### **DNA VICTIMS**

# September 30, 12pm (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on how scientists plan to use DNA to identify some of the victims in the World Trade Center attacks, but the clock is ticking. A number of factors might affect what scientists are planning to do.

# **JUVENILES SHOT**

# July 1, 9pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that the police need help in finding the killer of a teenage girl in Compton. The police call it a gang related shooting. Elvira Ramirez was walking with two friends early that morning when they were shot on Paulsen Avenue near Peach Street. The two other teenage girls were wounded.

#### SUMMER SAFETY

# July 2, 2pm (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that the first national study on child drownings suggests that rivers, lakes, and ponds pose the biggest threat for children over five. The study appears in the July issue of *Pediatrics*.

#### **DESERT RAVES**

# July 3, 12pm (TRT:24)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported the San Bernadino police are taking steps to discourage desert rave parties by requiring a permit for any public gathering of more than 200 people. A county spokesman says the new rule will affect all party and event promoters, although the requirement is designed specifically to discourage raves.

#### KID INJURED FIRE

#### July 3, 9pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a nine year-old boy nearly lost his hand when a home-made firecracker he was holding blew up. A 61-year old man was arrested for lighting the device. He's being charged with assault and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

#### 2 YEAR OLD BURNED

#### July 4, 10pm (TRT :22)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a 2 year-old in Long Beach was burned when an illegal M-80 firecracker hit her in the back. She's listed in stable condition.

#### **STUDENT LOANS**

#### July 6, 2pm (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that federal student loans have dropped to their lowest levels in decades. The benefits should be felt immediately by all graduates repaying variable interest rate loans.

### HAHN/NEA TEACH

# July 9, 9pm (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that LA Mayor Jim Hahn unveiled his plan to build more public schools at today's NEA conference. It includes joint projects with the city and the LAUSD to reach common goals.

#### KIDS DYING IN CARS

# July 8, 9pm (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen warned parents not to leave their children in locked cars, even to run a "quick errand", as the weather heats up. The results can prove to be deadly.

# **BOOT CAMP DEATH**

# July 13, 3pm (TRT:42)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that police are investigating after a 14-year old boy died at a survival camp for troubled teens. The camp's leader denies the children didn't have any water, but other kids at the camp say they suffered physical abuse at the hands of camp employees.

# **TEEN OBESITY**

# July 13, 12pm (TRT:50)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that one in every eight American children is obese. They are likely to become obese adults and suffer a lifetime of health problems. Doctors say fast food and bigger portions are to blame. They also say don't overload your child's plate, and never use food as a reward.

#### STUDENT FILM

#### July 15, 9pm (TRT 2:48)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported on the film "Chain Camera", which made its debut at the Sundance Film Festival, and features all local high school students. The good reviews have just started to roll in.

#### **ROMER READING**

# July 19, 2pm (TRT :43)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that Superintendent Roy Romer announced he his expanding the Waterford Early Reading Program to all kindergarten and first-graders who fall below the 45<sup>th</sup> percentile in reading ability, to help ensure all children lean how to read. The LAUSD will spend \$44 million to purchase the Waterford programs for 244 schools.

#### **GRANDSON HERO**

# July 19, 10pm (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a nine year-old Sacramento boy is being hailed as a hero – he saved his grandmother's life after she got some food stuck in her throat.

### **BASKETBALL KIDS**

# July 19, 9pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported six year-old "Cha-Cha" Tucker has been working on his game since he was two. He already knows he wants to play in the NBA. His mom is quick to point out that college will come first.

#### **AMERICA'S CHILDREN**

# July 19, 2pm (TRT:42)

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that according to an annual report by the federal government, child poverty is down to its lowest level in 20 years, adn the number of children with health insurance is up.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT HEARING**

# July 25, 8pm (TRT:31)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a Senate committee is investigating whether children are being hurt by what they see on TV and in the movies and by the music they listen to. Some argue that the real problem is in the home.

#### RATING REACTION

# July 25, 8pm (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Andre Moreau was live in Pasadena sampling opinions on the entertainment rating systems.

#### LITERACY DRIVE

#### July 27, 2pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported three children's book publishers are teaming up to create a national literacy campaign to help children being reading at a young age. Mayor Jim Hahn helped launch the campaign in Hancock Park by reading to a group of children and handing out the free books.

### YOUNG HEROES

# July 27, 2pm (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that two young girls from Salinas rescued two babies from a burning building. The children were eating breakfast when the fire broke out; the girls grabbed the babies and ran from the house. Their parents were working in nearby fields at the time.

#### CAR SEAT SAFETY

# July 27, 2pm (TRT:45)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a company in Minnesota has developed a device that could prevent young children from dying in hot cars. The child safety seat monitor has a sensor wired to the ignition, and sounds a warning if you shut off the ignition and leave the car if a child is still in the seat. The cost of the alarm is \$350 installed.

### CHILD PORN/INTERNET

# July 27, 10pm (TRT 1:28)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on the way pornographic web sites market porn to kids and teens. Often the porn is disguised as links to pop stars and celebrities the teens like.

#### FREE LUNCHES

# July 31, 2pm (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 reporter Leanne Suter reported live from Ontario on a new program designed to provide free lunches to needy children during the summer months.

#### LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

# August 3, 8pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a woman who won a scholarship for her grandson by camping out for 18 hours at an Office Max. It wasn't the first time she had camped out, though; when she first came to the US from Poland she spent her first few days on a park bench because she had no place else to go.

#### **CANCER KIDS**

# August 3, 8pm (TRT:42)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on a week-long camp sponsored by the American Cancer Society that gives about 100 children with cancer an opportunity to do arts and crafts and play outdoors. The staff includes medical personnel that can take care of the campers' special needs.

#### **FOOD BANK**

# August 3, 2pm (TRT:41)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Tyson Foods donated more than 37,000 lbs. of chicken to the regional food bank in an effort to provide more than a million lbs. of chicken nationwide. Food bank figures indicate one in three children are at risk of hunger in LA.

# FIRE / PD KIDS

# August 3, 2pm (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 reporter Leanne Suter reported live from Yucaipa on an intensive weeklong career camp that lets students experience what it would be like to be a firefighter or police officer.

### NATIONAL KIDS DAY

# August 5, 9pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that today is "National Kids Day". Parents say the day is a perfect opportunity for them to spend time with their children. The holiday was endorsed by the US conference of mayors last month and founded by five different children's charities.

# **HIKER FOUND**

# August 10, 10pm (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Leanne Suter reported on 16-year old William Parven's story of heat exhaustion, hallucinations and lonliness after being lost in the San Bernadino mountains.

#### **TEEN CAR DEATHS**

# August 12, 9pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that there has been a 40% drop in the number of teenage passengers killed or hurt while other teens are driving, due to tough driving laws that target teens.

#### MISSING HIKER

# August 12, 7pm (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reported Sandy Grace reports the William Parven, the boy who was lost in the San Bernadino mountains for five days, is on his way to New York to appear on Good Morning America.

# **FOOTBALL DEATH**

# August 13, 10pm (TRT:33)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a Northwestern football player who collapsed and died after practice is being laid to rest in Pomona. Rashidi Wheeler grew up in the Ontario area.

### **TEACHER SHO**RTAGE

# August 13, 10pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported on the shortage of teachers in LA and across the country. Educators meeting in Washington are trying to come up with ideas to recruit and keep teachers.

#### TOBACCO ADS

# August 15, 9pm (TRT:46)

KCAL9 anchor Doug Fernandez reported that three years after big tobacco companies vowed to stop marketing to children, little has changed. The amount spent on marketing in youth oriented magazines rose from an average of \$56 million in 1995 to almost \$60 million last year.

#### JIMSON WEED

#### August 17, 9pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Doug Fernandez reported that kids looking to get high are turning to a very dangerous, yet common, plant found here in the southland called "jimsonweed". In Rancho Cucamonga three teenagers are hospitalized after putting the plant in an elixir. Doctors warn ANY consumption of the plant can cause death.

### WHEELER DEATH VIDEO

# August 19, 9pm (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported about a videotape that is sparking new questions regarding the death of 22 year-old Rashidi Wheeler, the Northwestern football player who died earlier this month. The tapes show players running a series of wind sprints that continue after Wheeler collapsed.

#### **ADOPTION TRYOUT**

# August 19, 9pm (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Fernandez reported on several children who have spent the summer in LA hoping to be adopted and find a home.

### **GRAMMY MENTORS**

# August 19, 9pm (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Fernandez reported that students from Fremont and Jordan high schools met with Grammy winner Erykah Badu at the Greek Theatre as part of the "Grammy Mentor Sessions". The year-round program gives students the opportunity to be mentored by accomplished musical artists and behind-the-scenes professionals.

#### **OPERATION BACKPACK**

### August 19, 9pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that The Dream Center in Echo Park distributed nearly 1500 backpacks to children this morning. Families with young children in tow lined up for blocks to get the supplies.

#### **GATOR ATTACK**

#### August 20, 10pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on the story of two girls who were swimming in a lake near Orlando, FL when one was attacked by an alligator and pulled underwater. The other girl swam to her friend's rescue.

#### LICE PREVENTION

# August 20, 12pm (TRT:38)

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that parents, school nurses, and students gathered in Reseda for a lesson on the prevention and treatment of lice. Fran Marseille of "Lice Angels" teaches classes like this all over the southland.

#### PESTICIDE SCHOOL

# August 22, 9pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that starting this fall, public schools will have to let parents know if pesticides are being used in their kids' classrooms. Part of the "Healthy Schools Act", the program seeks to educate parents about what chemicals their kids may be exposed to.

# **CARSON SCHOOLS**

# August 22, 9pm (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported live from Carson on an opportunity for voters in Carson to embrace or reject a new school district. Tonight voters got an opportunity to listen to both sides.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL

### August 23, 2pm (TRT 1:33)

Keith Oppenheim reported on some students who attended summer school because they wanted to, not because they had to.

# **LIBRARY OPENS**

# August 24, 10pm (TRT :28)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that KCAL 9's adopted school, Sierra Park Elementary in El Sereno, opened its new library today. The new library was funded by the Wonder of Reading program, and the Nestle Corp., along with KCAL 9 and others.

# **STUDENT HEALTH**

# August 24, 8pm (TRT:37)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that LAUSD superintendent Roy Romer and others gave their support for a bill that would sign up students for health insurance when they sign up for state-provided school lunches. A combination of state and federal money would fund the program.

#### **BOY STOWAWAY**

# August 24, 10pm (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported about a 12- year old Hawthorne boy who ran away from home, stowed away on a plane and ended up in Hawaii.

#### **DINO EXHIBIT**

# August 26, 9pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported on a new dinosaur exhibit in Atlanta that features two replica skeletons of cretaceous-era animals now in the museum's 86-foot tall atrium. The exhibit shows what it might have looked like in Argentina's lush Patagonia region more than 100 million years ago.

# SCHOOL SAFETY

# August 28, 2pm (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported the LA school administrators today teamed up with the police and sheriff's department to unveil new plans for "rapid response training". The idea is to prevent criminal situations on and around LA school campuses.

#### **FOX KIDS**

# August 28, 8pm (TRT :24)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported the Rick Fox of the LA Lakers visited Mattel Children's hospital at UCLA in Westwood. He mingled with the kids and watched them shoot baskets.

# MR. ROGERS

# August 30, 2pm (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 reporter Eric Philips reported how after more than 30 years on PBS, Mr. Rogers --of Mr. Rogers Neighborhood-- is retiring.

# AFTER SCHOOL/CRIME

# September 4, 8pm (TRT:45)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a new study says that after-school programs keep kids out of trouble and are helping with their grades. First Lady Sharon Davis says the governor has increased spending for public education by \$10 billion over the last three budgets.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

# **September 4, 12pm (TRT 1:28)**

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson, live from Hollywood, reports on how the first day of school is going in the LAUSD.

# **ZUCCHINI RES**EARCH

#### September 5, 9pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that in New York, up to 50 students a year take part in an internship program at Mentefiore Medical Center. After watching real operations, the internship ends with them operating on a zucchini.

#### CHARTER SCHOOL

# September 7, 3pm (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held today in Canoga Park for the Multicultural Learning Center, a charter school with a focus on bilingual education. The school is now ready to accept students.

#### LA READ-IN

# September 7, 2pm (TRT:26)

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that celebrities joined community leaders today for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Koreh Read-in, in an effort to promote literacy by reading to children and contributing to the future of L.A. Nearly 80% of fourth graders in LA can't read at grade level.

### JUMPING KIDS

# September 7, 9pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that 1 million schoolchildren in Britain took time out from classes to jump in unison for a full minute. The object was to see if all that jumping would cause any seismic activity. Experts say the kids generated 1/100<sup>th</sup> of a major quake.

#### **TODDLER CRASH**

### September 7 2pm (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that a two-year old boy from Long Island, NY somehow got behind the wheel of his mother's car, started the engine, put the car in gear and took off toward a busy intersection. Incredibly no one was hurt. Matthew's mother was ticketed for leaving the car unattended.

### **HEART PATIENT CAMP**

# September 10, 12pm (TRT 1:02)

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported on a special camp on Catalina Island for kids with heart disease. Camp del Corazon hosted over 200 kids for a week full of normal camping activities, so they were able to forget about their health and just be kids.

#### **CANCER TOY**

#### September 10, 12pm (TRT:39)

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that a 9-year old boy invented a toy that helps young cancer patients move around. He attached an IV pole to a toy car so the kids could walk around with their IV's. The boy was inducted into the National Gallery for Young Inventors, and he's the youngest person in the organization.

# PALM PILOT SCHOOL

# September 10, 12pm (TRT:27)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a school in San Jose has all its students using Palm Pilots to receive announcements, notes from teachers, and to turn in their homework. Officials say it's helped reduce the schools need for so much paper.

#### CHILD PROSTITUTION

# September 10, 12pm (TRT:45)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that the National Assoc. of Social Workers held a meeting on the scope of child prostitution. A new study shows that one in 100 children is the victim of prostitution, porn, or other forms of commercial sex.

#### **BACKPACKS**

# September 10, 12pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that the Boeing Company supplied hundreds of backpacks, loaded with supplies, to Nevada Elementary School in Canoga Park this morning. This was part of "Project Backpack", to help those less fortunate.

#### **SCHOOL DONATIONS**

### September 19, 9pm (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that high school students in the southland have been collecting donations to help the victims of the terrorist attacks and their families. Money collected at North Hollywood HS was presented to the Red Cross this morning.

#### **AFGHAN YOUTH**

### September 19, 10pm (TRT 1:11)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported live from a prayer service held by Afghan-American youth in Van Nuys.

### FIRST LADY PSA'S

# September 21, 12pm (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that First Lady Laura Bush has created a PSA encouraging parents to comfort their children following last week's terrorist attacks. The PSAs began airing today.

#### MISSION SCHOOL

#### September 24, 8pm (TRT :22)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported shoes, socks, outfits, backpacks and more were donated as part of the Fred Jordan Mission's Back to School giveaway program. The program is due to start tomorrow morning.

#### **BERKELEY** RALLY

# September 25, 12pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that hundreds of students at UC Berkeley gathered to show their support of President Bush in going after Osama bin Laden. The called call themselves Berkeley's Silent Majority.

#### **DIABETES BRACELET**

# September 27, 2pm (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that an Oregon girl was at the center of controversy when a referee kicked her out of a soccer game for wearing a medical ID bracelet. The league said it could simply be taped down and sent out a memo to that effect.

# **OKC TEDDY BEARS**

# September 27, 3pm (TRT:19)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Oklahoma City residents sent boxes of stuffed animals to help comfort NYC's younger population. The toys were a welcome distraction for the children.

#### TREE TERRORIST

# September 30, 4pm (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that students at John Burroughs Middle School planted a tree in honor of those lost in the terrorist attacks. The goal is to never forget the losses suffered on 9/11 and to be thankful for our freedom as Americans.

#### **ARTS IN SCHOOLS**

# September 30, 9pm (TRT:47)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that Old Navy and PS Arts, a non-profit organization, have joined forces to restore arts in the classroom at local schools. A star-studded crowd turned out at the event to celebrate the new partnership, which included a fashion show, arts and crafts and a community quilt that guests helped to design.